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E.O. 12065: GDS 8/24/85 (KULICK, GILBERT D.) OR-P
TAGS: SHUM, UR, SW
SUBJECT: WALLEMBERG CASE

REF: (A) STATE 216676, (B) STOCKHOLM 3484

1. (C- ENTIRE TEXT).

2. THE ISRAELI OFFICIAL MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT
WALLEMBERG CASE IS MFA SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR SOVIET
AFFAIRS NEMENIAH LEVANON. LEVANON IS PRESENTLY OUT OF
THE COUNTRY AND WILL BE AT THE ISRAELI CONSULATE IN NEW
YORK FOR THE NEXT WEEK.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH ENHOFF, SWEDISH CHARGE WILKINS
CONFIRMED GOS VIEWS AS REFLECTED REF B. HE ADDED
THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WERE CERTAIN INCONSISTENCIES IN
THE LETTER, E.G., THE FACT THAT MRS. KAPLAN'S STATEMENT
THAT HER HUSBAND WAS ARRESTED IN 1975 DID NOT COINCIDE
WITH EARLIER INFORMATION PROVIDED BY DR. BILDER AND

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KALINSKY, HE WAS "90 PERCENT CONVINCED" THAT THE LETTER WAS AUTHENTIC.

4. JOHN BIERMAN, ON THE OTHER HAND, TOLD DCM HE HAD SOME DOUBTS ABOUT THE LETTER'S AUTHENTICITY. HE SAID AN EXPERIENCED RUSSIAN TRANSLATOR, TO WHOM HE HAD SHOWN A PHOTOCOPY OF THE LETTER, CONCLUDED THAT THE HANDWRITING DID NOT LOOK LIKE THAT OF A 60-YEAR OLD WOMAN AND THAT ITS STILTED PHRASEOLOGY SUGGESTED THAT IT HAD BEEN WRITTEN BY AN EMIGRE WHO HAD NOT BEEN IN THE USSR FOR SOME TIME. HOWEVER, A SECOND TRANSLATOR, WHOM HE ALSO REGARDED AS RELIABLE, THOUGHT THAT THE LETTER COULD WELL BE AUTHENTIC.

5. BIERMAN'S SUSPICIONS WERE ALSO AROUSED BY THE FACT THAT HE HAS NEVER ALLOWED TO SEE THE ORIGINAL LETTER AND THAT ALL HIS CONTACTS WITH DR. BILDER HAD BEEN THROUGH A SHADOWNY INTERMEDIARY. HE SAID DR. BILDER CLAIMED TO HAVE RECEIVED THREATENING PHONE CALLS, WHICH SHE THOUGHT WERE FROM THE KGB, WARNING HER NOT TO PURSUE THE WALLENGER STORY. BIERMAN QUESTIONED WHETHER SUCH CALLS COULD REALLY GET THROUGH FROM THE USSR WITHOUT BEING MONITORED BY THE ISRAELIS.

6. DESPITE HIS SUSPICION THAT HE WAS BEING "SET UP" BY THE ISRAELIS, BIERMAN PLANS TO PURSUE THE STORY AND IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE EITHER BBC OR SWEDISH TELEVISION TO PRODUCE A DOCUMENTARY ON THE SUBJECT. HE IS ALSO PLANNING TO GO TO SWEDEN TO INTERVIEW A MAN WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN WALLENGER IN THE USSR. VIETS

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